

Live News and Fresh Gossip From the Cities and Towns of Virginia

BIG SEINE IN PLACE

Fishing Season on Potomac Will Soon Begin.

GOOD ROADS CONVENTION

It Has Been Called to Meet at Orange Courthouse at the February Term of the County Court—Tax Payers Favor the Movement.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDRICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 9.—The fishing season will soon begin actively on the Potomac river, the big seine at the Marlborough shore, in Stafford county, being already in place and a large force of hands engaged ready to begin operations in a few days. The other large seines are also making preparations and will soon be ready for making hauls. The season on the Rappahannock river does not open as early as on the Potomac, but continues later.

A protracted meeting commenced at the Methodist Church to-day, the pastor, Rev. George T. Tyler, preaching special sermons at both the morning and evening services to large congregation. He will be assisted in the work by Rev. C. L. Potter, of Stafford County, who is attending the Stafford circuit of the Baltimore Conference.

The Good Roads Convention, called to meet at Orange Courthouse at the February term of the County Court, on Monday, February 23d, is attracting general attention. The meeting will be held in the afternoon, and will be a large one. The tax payers of the county are thoroughly in favor of the object of the meeting, and it is believed that steps will be taken looking to the improvement of the highways.

The smallpox scare in Orange county, caused by reports that certain citizens had been exposed to the disease and were liable to break out with it, has subsided and there are no cases in the county.

OPERATORS ORGANIZE

A meeting of the telegraph operators employed on the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac and the Washington-Southern Railways was held in this city Saturday night for the purpose of effecting the organization of a division of the order of Railway Telegraphers here. A number of operators were present. Mr. Charles G. Leary, the agent at Quantico, was elected chairman, and Mr. Thompson, operator here, acted as secretary. The meeting was held on Wednesday, February 18th.

The farmers and truckers along both sides of the Potomac and Rappahannock rivers, from this city to the Chesapeake Bay, are actively making preparations for the largest crops of peas and potatoes ever raised in the Rappahannock Valley.

The Montfort Hunting Club of Orange county, captured a fine gray fox a few days ago, after an exciting chase.

Mrs. James Beauchamp, of the Northern Neck, during the year 1907, from a flock of thirty-five, realized a net profit of \$42.33 for the sale of eggs and \$68.48 for the sale of chickens. Total profits, \$110.81.

Messrs. S. W. Hardwick and C. H. Sanford, of Westmoreland county, have purchased of Mr. P. M. Thibault, of Baltimore, a large tract of land, and will move the establishment to Deep Point, on Nomini Creek, which is regarded as a most accessible place for farmers and laborers.

Four valuable cows belonging to Mr. T. W. Bond of Orange county, were killed a few days ago by a freight train on the Southern Railroad near Orange Courthouse.

The recent malady among horses in Fauquier county and some sections of Loudoun county, has been traced to a fodder, which contains a growth similar to poison mushrooms and is of a poisonous character.

A serious slump occurred in the oyster business during the past two weeks, and it is reported that many oyster packers and vessel men along both the Potomac and Rappahannock rivers have lost heavily.

Mr. D. P. C. Patterson, of this city, who has for some years been a superintendent in a department of the Eagle Shoe Company here, has secured an important position in a large shoe factory at Portsmouth, Ohio, and will leave the latter part of the month to assume his duties.

The infant child of Mrs. Decker, in the smallpox quarantine, near Wolf- ford's Wharf, Richmond county, has died of smallpox. The father of the child died about two weeks ago. Mrs. Elliott is very ill with smallpox also. The other patients are getting along fairly well and there are no new cases. Two daughters of Dr. Fisher, the physician in charge, are also in the hospital, as it was impossible to get nurses.

Bethel Academy, in Fauquier county, has introduced a new feature—a cavalry company—and the cadets are being taught horsemanship.

MR. COGILL, TREASURER.
Mr. H. B. Cogill, who was appointed treasurer of King George county, to succeed Dr. P. F. Minde, resigned, has qualified and assumed the duties of the office, and has appointed Mr. J. C. Nindo deputy treasurer.

Mr. W. C. Wallace, of Richmond county, who has quite a reputation as a recorder, has the following remarkable record for the past hunting season: Number of shots fired, 578; woodcock killed, 14; rabbits, 31; partridges, 619. The best shot in one day, 28 birds in 28 shots; next best, 35 birds in 37 shots. The best shooting for 30 days in succession was 61 birds in 150 shots. Most of the hunting was done in the forest.

Mr. Edgar Freeman and family, prominent residents of Orange, will go to New York to reside. Mr. Freeman having purchased property in that State.

Mr. L. P. Morrill and family, of Pound

du-Lac, Wis., have moved to Orange county to make it their permanent home.

Mr. R. C. L. Moncreux, of Stafford county, who has been spoken of as a probable candidate for the legislature from that county and King George this year, has decided not to run.

EASTERN SHORE TELEPHONES

Large Sum to Be Expended in Improving the System.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ONAN, VA., February 9.—The Diamond State Telephone Company, of Delaware, that recently bought two of the three telephone companies on the Virginia Eastern Shore, namely, the Atlantic Telephone Company, extending from Pocomoke City, Md., to Accomac Courthouse, and the Cambridge Telephone Company, extending from Accomac Courthouse to Keller, has announced that it will spend \$100,000 in improving the lines. They have given a contract for \$50,000 and propose to extend their improved metallic system throughout the Shore.

The remaining company, the Peninsula Telephone Company, extending from Onancock to Cape Charles, with about 375 phones, is the only bar to complete ownership, and while a bargain has not been reached, it is understood that negotiations have been entered into. The company is now in possession of the line, and its long distance line to Onancock, Onley, Cape Charles and other points.

Messrs. McNeel, Chase & Company, the tomato canners of Norfolk, who ran a large house in Onancock, are again here to make contracts for tomatoes for another year. The farmers are disposed to hold back from signing contracts, wishing, as their Maryland neighbors, to get more than \$7 per ton. They state that they obeyed their contracts last year, not selling to outsiders when the price went up, and that they deserve more.

The success of the exchange movement of farmers combining and selling their products through one office is now taking another turn. The farmers of many prominent shipping points on the Shore are organizing together to buy their fertilizers. Many hundreds of tons of fertilizers are bought annually on the Shore and the farmers state that by buying together they make a great saving.

News reached here to-day of the robbery of Mr. W. W. Nottingham, of Chesapeake, Northampton county, of \$180 by a sixteen-year-old colored boy, Mr. Nottingham had his money in a drawer in the house and had just paid \$30 for a horse and had gone out in the field to try him. He forgot to lock the drawer and left a colored boy in the kitchen. In his absence the colored boy went in the house and took \$180 from the drawer.

The Baptists of Cape Charles have just completed a new church. It is a handsome frame structure, and has a seating capacity of 400. Services were held in it for the first time to-day, Rev. Charles Corbitt, pastor of Red Bank Church, preaching the opening sermon.

STEAM FERRY SERVICE

Application for Charter to Run from Yorktown to Gloucester Point.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
YORKTOWN, VA., Feb. 9.—The Legislature will shortly be applied to by Mr. Charles Gallagher for a new charter providing for a steam ferry service between Yorktown and Gloucester Point. Mr. Gallagher is a veteran business man of this vicinity, and has been connected in many ways with matters of vital interest to the town. He also claims a frontage of 1,200 feet of river shore, which includes the property now held by the Chesapeake Steamship Company as their landing point. Mr. Gallagher desires to greatly improve the service between these two points, and will establish an up-to-date business, that will make the crossing of York River possible under any or all conditions.

Reports from the fishermen of this neighborhood show that very little work has as yet been done on the pounds, weirs or fykes, so far as actual fishing is concerned. Some of the most progressive firms have driven a few stakes, to which the nets will be attached, but are afraid to put the nets overboard as yet. They are deterred by fear of a cold snap and consequent loss of ice, which works havoc with all kinds of fishing appliances. So far as can be learned, the prospect for a good season's work and a good run of herring and shad seems to be quite propitious.

Some of the razor-back hogs, which took the services of several judges' decisions and a court trial to determine its ownership, costing many times its value, finally succumbed to ignominious death and was offered on the streets Saturday by a peddler for five cents in small quantities. A more famous hog never existed in the annals of York county.

IN DANVILLE
Rev. C. N. Crittendon is conducting an Evangelistic Meeting.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DANVILLE, VA., Feb. 9.—Rev. Chas. N. Crittendon, the evangelist is conducting a series of meetings at the Main-Street Methodist Church here, which are the most enthusiastic in years. The large auditorium is crowded nightly and great interest is being manifested.

Will Jones, who is under sentence to hang on March 14th for the same crime for which Author Wilton was hung last Friday was not greatly affected by the hanging of Wilton. His cell is situated that he could hear the singing and also heard Wilton's dying statement, saying that he (Jones) did the killing.

The new Holbrook Avenue extension of the street railway has been completed, and the first cars were run yesterday. This gives a street car from the depot to Green Hill Cemetery.

Richmond, where he will join the Virginia Press Association on the trip South.

The last German of the Danville German Club will take place at Municipal Hall Friday night. The last of the season begins, it is looked forward to with pleasure by the young people and will be largely attended.

BOTH WERE KILLED
A Special Constable in Pocahontas County Shot Last Week.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WAIR SPRINGS, VA., February 9.—Granville Messer, of Pocahontas county, last week asked to be permitted to arrest a desperate character by the name of Cullie, one of the Tug River set, and he was appointed a special constable to do so. When he approached Cullie, he was shot and killed. Cullie had been "hired" in section red and a warrant was issued for his arrest. His body contained ten bullets and Messer's contained four. Great excitement prevails in the eastern section of West Virginia.

WAS KILLED INSTANTLY

Bristol Policeman Shoots His Brother Officer.

SENTIMENT AGAINST HIM

Fired Without Warning, Reaching His Pistol Through Silt in His Overcoat—Men Had Not Been Friendly of Late.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, VA., February 9.—Policeman G. M. Walk, who shot and killed Policeman Houston Childress in Bristol on Sunday morning, surrendered to-night at 10 o'clock, and is under guard. He will be delivered to the Tennessee authorities to-morrow.

He said to-night that he had been in hiding within three blocks of the City Hall since the deed was committed, that he never intended to make his escape, but was only waiting for the excitement to die out. He claims that he killed Officer Childress in self defense, not understanding the general impression that the killing was wholly unjustifiable. But for the clever work of Chief of Police Caldwell Walk would hardly have surrendered to-night.

FIRE TWO SHOTS.
The tragedy was enacted at 1:15 o'clock yesterday morning at the State and Fourth Streets corner, one of the most public places in the city. At that hour Policeman Walk, of Bristol, Va., police force, shot and almost instantly killed Policeman Houston Childress, of the Bristol (Tenn.) force, having fired across the street to the Virginia side and disappeared in the darkness. Not even the most intimate friends of the two officers had dreamed that such a thing might take place between the fellow officers, although they were on friendly terms for a few days.

Officer Charles Porch and Officer Childress sat on a window sill at Knott's bakery, when Policeman Walk and another man came up the street. Walk called Childress to one side and invited him to go with him to a point where there was some policing to be done. Mr. Childress told Walk that he did not feel disposed to go with him after the way he had treated him a night or two previous. By this Officer Childress referred to a time when the officers were pairing for duty, and when Walk, who was the only officer left to be with him, turned and walked away.

WITHOUT WARNING.
Mr. Childress took offense at this and did not hesitate to tell Walk so at the first opportunity. This led to unpleasant words, which were followed by vile names. The dispute had not gone far before Walk, without the least warning, fired upon Officer Childress, his revolver being concealed under his overcoat at the time. He had reached his revolver through the pocket hole of his overcoat, which was so arranged that he could reach either his coat or pants pocket without having to unbutton the overcoat.

One shot of the 38-caliber revolver passed through the left thigh of Officer Childress, while the other passed through the right side of the forehead, just above the hat and into his brain, having entered the left side of the forehead one inch above the eye. The shot was evidently fired from the side, as it passed out on the right side of the forehead, just above the right eye. Officer Porch was the only immediate eye-witness to the killing, and he was so badly dazed as to allow Officer Walk to escape without any effort to stop him.

DIED IN FEW MINUTES.
The wounded officer was picked up and carried into a barber shop near by, but expired within five minutes. His body was removed at once to the undertaker's establishment of McNamara & Sons, where it was prepared for burial.

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erect a cannery factory in their town and expect to put up about 20,000 cases of tomatoes this year, and next year they intend doing a general cannery business on a large scale. It is rumored that Mr. S. P. Miller will shortly erect a cannery factory at his home, near Foster's.

Lumbermen from Salisbury, Md., have purchased large tracts of timber from Messrs. Haines and Summers, on the Piankank River, and will erect a large mill on the site of the old mill.

Mr. Sheppard G. Miller, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Bessie, arrived from Baltimore a few days ago. Mr. Miller recently purchased the old home of his family, "Spring Hill," and has put it through a thorough course of repair. The house is built in the old colonial style, with a large-columned porch in front, and the home is one of the most attractive in this section.

MARYLAND CLUB

One Organized at Washington and Lee University.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEXINGTON, VA., Feb. 9.—The Rev. W. J. Young, D. D., pastor of Court-Street Methodist Church, Lynchburg, preached yesterday morning and evening at the Maryland Club, with the following of Lexington, Va. here Dr. Young was the guest of Professor A. L. Nelson, of Washington and Lee University.

The students from Maryland at Washington and Lee University have organized a Maryland Club, with the following officers: President, A. D. Trundle, Polesville, Md.; Vice-President, E. S. Dawson, Rockville, Md.; Secretary-Treasurer, F. W. Cramer, Frederick City, Md. The following honorary members were elected: Governor John Walter Smith, United States Senator Arthur P. Gorman, Admiral Winfield Scott Schley and P. Walker.

movement is on foot among the students of Washington and Lee to arrange for a tournament during the coming spring, to be observed on field-day, and to conclude with a tournament ball. The matter will be considered at the next meeting of the faculty. The wife of, of Kentucky, are in Lexington visiting their son, who is a cadet at the Virginia Military Institute.

The management of the Natural Bridge

Herbert Dorsey Waters.



Newly elected captain of the University of Virginia football team. His home is at Germantown, Md.

property has the co-operation of the Board of Supervisors in constructing a macadamized road from the joint station on the Chesapeake and Ohio and the Norfolk and Western Railroad to the bridge, a distance of three miles. There is no foundation for the report of the building of a railroad from Glasgow to the bridge.

NEW RAILROAD

Rich Coal Region to Be Opened Up in West Virginia.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CLINTON, VA., February 9.—The Iron Mountain and Shenandoah Railroad, for an extension of which a map was recently filed at Marlinton, W. Va., proposes to build about fifteen miles to Huntersville. The road now consists of eighteen miles of line running northeast from the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., along Howard's Creek, Fleming Run and Anthony's Creek, to Alvon and Shryock. The extension is to go up the fork of Anthony's Creek, between Middle Mountain and Beaver Lick Mountain, to Knapp's Creek, thence to Huntersville.

The contract will be awarded shortly, according to reports from that part of the country now railroaded will open up coal mines and iron ore deposits. The road is a lumber line controlled by Thomas J. Shryock and Company, of Baltimore. The officers are Thomas J. Shryock, president, F. A. Hancock, secretary and treasurer, and P. B. Houston, of Roncoverte, chief engineer.

The Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company has established several new telegraph offices on the mountain division between Clinton Forge and Charlottesville. During the past two weeks the company has opened two new offices, one at Crane and the other at Griffith. Three more are to be located at small stations on this division in the very near future.

Mr. W. W. Evans, a Bremen on the Mountain Division of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, fell from his engine at Crane Saturday night and received several painful injuries. The engine was standing on a side-track when Mr. Evans lost his balance and fell through the cab window, landing on the steel rail.

A small wreck occurred on the West Clinton yards last night, when two yard engines collided on a spur track. The damages will amount to several hundred dollars.

Mr. Harry E. Helm, of Boston, Mass., recently chosen by the Board of Managers to be the secretary of the Railroad Y. M. C. A., has arrived and will at once assume his duties. A reception will be tendered him on the evening of the 17th.

Fire in King George.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
KING GEORGE COUNTY, VA., February 9.—The report that the magnificent residence of Mrs. Wesley Brown, in the lower part of this county, was totally destroyed by fire Thursday night has just been fully verified. The house was burned to the ground, and the only person injured was a child who escaped from a defective flue in one of the upstairs rooms. All the contents of the building were destroyed, except one stove and a piano.

Negro Sailor Drowned.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
GLOUCESTER COURTHOUSE, VA., February 9.—Dick Fleming, colored, was knocked overboard from the schooner "The Disciples" Church, while Messrs. G. A. Allen, Harter and Gloucester Point Wharf by a jibing sail this afternoon at 1 o'clock. He sank and never rose. The schooner hove-to and spent two or three hours trying in vain to recover the body. Dick was about eighteen years old. His home was near Hayes' Store, this county.

Minister Accepts Call.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CHARLES CITY, VA., February 9.—Rev. W. J. Harbard, of Middleburg, has accepted a call to the Baptist Church at Broadway, Va.

NORFOLK VERY DRY

Police in Uniform Kept Close Watch on Many Places.

MANY NEGROES ARRESTED

O. P. Lewis Will Go to Prison, as the Judge Has Overruled a Motion for New Trial—Friends of Col. J. R. Waddy Uneasy.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NORFOLK, VA., February 9.—Uniformed policemen were sent out yesterday to prove the assertion that they are as effective as the detectives in citizens' clothes in arresting certain kinds of law-breakers. The result was that a large number of negroes were arrested for playing crap, and many witnesses appeared against them in the Police Court. Justice Taylor fined ten of them \$25 and costs each, and sent all of them to jail till they could arrange for bail, which most of them were soon able to do. This new movement on the part of the Police Commissioners is supposed to be the warning that there will be the shake up of the police force that has been threatened and promised several times heretofore and not done. The raids and the rigid watch that was kept on various corners in the police in uniform have caused a great sensation in the city. It is said that the city was so dry that not a drink could be found. Certainly the places which have been notorious for keeping open on Sunday were not open yesterday without the knowledge of the police, because there were often two policemen to watch those notorious doors.

HEAVILY LABELED.
A. N. Smith, master of the steamer Oceana, placed a heavy label on the Federal Court of Admiralty. The petition states that the libellant found the Oceana, helmsman and brought her into the Virginia Capes and towed her to Newport News, where she awaits repairs. The work is described as difficult, dangerous and as absolutely necessary for the safety of the ship and the crew. The vessel was bound from New Haven to Galveston and was light. A fog and gale prevailed at the time of the rescue and the vessel would have been lost, the petition urges, but for the aid rendered by the Oceana in towing her to Newport News. For this work, the petition says, \$20,000 is a reasonable fee, and that not being paid the vessel, worth \$20,000, is libeled for that amount. A. E. Kline and R. D. Dodson were named as the owners of the vessel, and the petition is for \$25,000 to release the vessel, morning for \$25,000 to release the vessel, term of court by Judge Waddill.

David W. Cannon was arrested this morning by Deputy Marshal W. W. Lewis on a charge of forgery. He is a negro, apparently twenty years of age, from Concord, N. C. He obtained the money, \$22, on a postoffice money order from the Southern Railway Co. for \$25, which had been issued at Concord for \$2 and raised to the larger amount. The forgery is evident, but he says the order was raised when he got it from the letter carrier taken to jail here to await investigation.

TO GO TO PRISON.
Judge Hancock, of the Corporation Court, overruled the motion for a new trial in the case of Mr. Lewis. Lewis is a well known in Richmond, having been active in church work there, as he was here, for several months. He got into trouble here because of the alleged fraudulent transfer of a restaurant to his name and because of carrying a young girl away to Philadelphia. He was brought from there and convicted for three years on the charge of abducting Myrtle Joyner, a girl under the age of sixteen, and because of carrying her away for seduction, with the result of mistrial several times, and finally the motion for a new trial leave him under the original sentence, for which he will serve the remainder of his term. He has a family in Pennsylvania, which he abandoned and declined to acknowledge in the witness chair. He has been holding religious services in the jail here, and is an intelligent and good-looking man.

It was reported on the street this morning that Colonel J. R. Waddy, the postmaster, had suffered a serious relapse. That report was positively denied by members of the family. He said they said that the condition of the patient was better. It is certain, however, that those who know him best are very anxious for fear that he has a serious attack of paralysis of the right side which will leave him in a feeble condition. He is better to-day, however, and the physician hopes that he will soon recover entirely.

The value of the estate of Captain James E. Barry has been fixed at \$185,000 for purposes of taxation. His wife is the beneficiary under the will, although she is too old to have active charge of the property.

WRECK OF THE GARLANDS.
All three of the wrecking tugs are on the scene of the wreck of the steamer Garland at Kinnakeet Light Saving Station. At noon to-day there was no sign of the wreck, which was the tug owners for the salvage of the ship. Captain Doherty was dicker with the masters of the Luckenbachs, and the Rescue of the Merritt & Chapman Company. The steamer is lying on her side and no air is in a safe condition. None of the men who were aboard were hurt in coming from the ship on Sunday morning in the breeches buoy, and they are all reported well now. One of the tugs will likely begin pulling the vessel off as soon as the tug is in luck.

Ernest Napier, a negro deck hand, was drowned by falling off one of Captain Charles Sparks' barges into the Southern Branch near the Belt Line bridge yesterday. The negro lived at Indian Creek. His body was not recovered.

OFFICERS INVITED.
Through Adjutant-General Nalle, of the State Militia, Colonel Higgins and officers of the Seventy-first Regiment received an invitation this morning from Governor Montague by long distance telephone to attend a reception to be held in the State Capitol on Wednesday evening.

For a week a deputy sheriff from Durham, N. C., has been here searching for Sam and Vance Matthews, two white boys, about fifteen years old, cousins, who ran away from their homes in Durham. The officer gave up the search last night and returned home. This morning a Portsmouth police officer met the youngsters going to the navy yard to enlist, and arrested them. They will be held until the arrival of an officer from North Carolina.

Fenwick Sheppard, the son of Gwynn T. Sheppard, suffered a severe accident this morning. He was riding on his bicycle in front of the school house on

Bush Street, when some of his companions pushed him from his wheel. He fell and his leg became entangled in the wheel. He sustained a compound fracture of the leg just above the ankle.

FROM ASHLAND

Rev. J. W. Ware Leaves to Accept a Call to a Culpeper Church.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ASHLAND, VA., February 9.—Rev. J. W. Ware, who has accepted a call to Culpeper, preached his farewell sermon last night at St. James Episcopal Church to one of the largest congregations ever assembled in Ashland. He preached a very forcible sermon, which was attentively listened to. The holy communion service was a part of the morning exercises.

Mr. and Mrs. Ware leave this week for their new home, much to the regret of many friends. Preliminary arrangements were made for a large meeting which will be held in a few days. It looks now as though the factory will be located. If so it will open up a new industry, which will bring considerable money to this section of the county. So far the acreage, which will be about 150, in tomatoes is estimated to show \$150.

The project is the outgrowth of a visit recently made here by several Maryland canners, who desire to branch out in Virginia.

SUSTAINED BY HOPE
Mother of Lula Joyner Is Worn by the Long Waiting and Suspense.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SUFFOLK, VA., Feb. 9.—Unless some words come as to the fate of five-year-old Lula Virginia Joyner, missing from her home, near Church Roads, Va., since last November 27th, it is believed either the mind or life of her mother, Mrs. Ida Joyner, will be forfeited. The suspense is wearing her out. Ida B. Joyner, the mother, is a widow, and Mrs. Joyner's condition is so deplorable that she is kept up only by the faint hope that Lula yet will be heard from. There is one more theory to be investigated, and if that proves resultless the search will be abandoned.

COLONEL HOGE ILL

Physicians at Roanoke Say He Is Threatened With Pneumonia.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROANOKE, VA., February 9.—J. Hampton Hoge returned from Washington this morning very ill with the grippe, and his physician says he is threatened with typhoid pneumonia and is a very sick man.

Major J. H. Sands, who recently resigned from the Southern Railway, has decided to return to the coal business in the Pocahontas coal fields.

The United States District Court met in this city to-day for the first time. Judge Henry C. McDowell, presiding. Grand Jurors were summoned from Roanoke city and county, Bedford, Botetourt